SIR:

The census enumerator of the district in which you resided in June last reported you as having an artesian well on your farm. The instructions given to the enumerator did not make it his duty to make further inquiries concerning this important subject, it being considered that that could be done more satisfactorily by direct correspondence from this office.

The inquiry relates mainly to the flow of water and the success which has attended its utilization for the purpose of irrigation, and you will confer a favor upon this office by answering the subjoined questions as fully and accurately as you can.

From many portions of the west urgent requests have been received for information as to the average cost and general utility of artesian wells, and the results of your experience may thus become of public service. If your well has not been successful in reaching good water or obtaining it in paying quantities, please mention these facts, as they may be of equal and even greater importance than the successes of others.

If, after answering the questions, any other important facts should occur to you, please note them on the back of this sheet, which is to be returned in the inclosed envelope, requiring no postage.

The information you may furnish will not be used in connection with your name, or in any way that would be detrimental to you.

Very respectfully,